

CITY UPDATE

Pay Stations Offer More Options for Downtown Parking

Have you ever tried to find a prime parking spot downtown so that you could meet a friend for lunch, get your hair cut, and do a little shopping? The big challenge is getting all your planned activities done within the 2-hour parking limit for downtown parking. Starting in June, you'll have more options for longer shopping trips downtown and for convenient parking in the heart of downtown.

To increase options for downtown parking, the City plans to begin offering pay parking in the Central/Lake Street lot and the lot at Marina Park. Drivers will pay for parking at new Pay Stations - parking kiosks that allow you to pay with coins, credit, or debit cards. The system is simple to use; insert the form of payment into the Pay Station kiosk, select the length of stay and out pops your receipt. Then simply post the receipt on your car window. The receipt has the time at which it expires printed on it. The cost is \$1 per hour for a maximum of four hours.

The Pay Stations will be opera-



The City will soon be installing pay stations to provide more options for 4-hour parking downtown

tional after the end of May. Each lot will have 30 paid stalls (clearly marked) but the other stalls will be free and have a two-hour time limit.

The new pay parking spaces in downtown are part of a Downtown Parking Plan that was approved by the City

Council last summer. The plan was developed by a broad group of residents, business owners and property owners to improve parking downtown. As part of this new plan, parking enforcement will be extended until 9:30 pm in downtown starting by the end of May. This will free up more spaces for customers and guests by keeping the stalls "turning over" rather than being taken up by overnight parking or employees.

Better signage is also being planned with carefully thought out signs to help drivers find parking and other downtown venues. An interim set of signs will be temporarily installed in May. Later this year, distinct permanent signage will be installed as part of a comprehensive wayfinding system.

To coordinate all of these changes, the City has hired Tami White as the new Downtown Parking Coordinator. She will serve as the contact for parking and is responsible for implementation of the Parking Plan. She can be reached at 425-576-2908 or twhite@ci.kirkland.wa.us. Questions about parking? Contact Tami, she would be happy to talk with you.

We Appreciate Our Volunteers

The City of Kirkland celebrated our volunteers on April 29th at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. During the past year, more than a 1000 volunteers donated close to 25,000 hours of service on behalf of the city and its programs.

Fourteen Volunteers were honored with special awards. These include: "Leadership", Bonnie Burns, Stacy Cole, Jake Ferrigno, and David Lee. "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty" (A.B.C.D.), Collette Harris, John Heflin, Joan Newberg, Richard Reininger, and Jette Townsend. "Behind the Scenes": Bill Herzberg, Christina Hunt, Ann Jacobson, Jim Lockwood, and Mary Frances Mathis. Special recognition was also given to the team of volunteers who assist the Police Dept. as part of the Domestic Abuse Response Team. Congrats to all!

Lakeshore Plaza @ Marina Park Project Update

On May 17th, 2004 the City of Kirkland and the Downtown Action Team (DAT) will host the second of three community meetings to develop a community vision for the Lakeshore Plaza @ Marina Park project. The goal of the project is to reorient the downtown to the lake by building a structural lid over the existing Marina Park parking lot with a significant public plaza on top (at the same level as Lake Street and Central Way) and an expanded parking garage below. The plaza would represent a significant expansion of Marina Park while expanding the supply of public parking in the downtown.

Lakeshore Plaza @ Marina Park Workshop

**Monday, May 17th
7:00-9:30 p.m.**

**Kirkland Performance Center
350 Kirkland Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033**

The design team will be illustrating various concepts for the project and seeking community feedback to develop a preferred design concept. The third workshop will be held in the summer to review and comment on a preferred design concept.

The workshop will illustrate various design alternatives for the project and include small group exercises to guide the design team in preparing a preferred design concept.

If you would like to learn more about this project, including viewing results from the first public workshop, visit the Planning Department page on the City's website. Contact Jeremy McMahan at 425.828.1141 or jmcmahan@ci.kirkland.wa.us with questions or comments.

Community Heritage Days

Don't miss Community Heritage Days, May 15-16 from 11-3 at Heritage Hall to celebrate the opening of the Heritage Society's Resource Center. On Saturday, May 15th at 11a.m. there will be a brief ceremony to install a time capsule at Heritage Hall. Then the building will open and residents are asked to

share what they know about our city in preparation for the City's Centennial of Incorporation Celebration in 2005. Residents are encouraged to bring photographs and documents of landmarks and events in Kirkland's history over the past 100 years, particularly during and after WWII. Mark your calendars!



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COMMUNITY EVENTS & MEETINGS

May 4th and 18th, 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
City Council Meeting
www.ci.kirkland.wa.us

May 5th, 7:00 pm
Houghton Fire Station (22)
Central Houghton Neighborhood Association
WEB: <http://www.houghtonlives.com>

May 11th, 7:00 pm
Lake Washington Methodist Church
**South Rose Hill/Bridle Trails
Neighborhood Association**
WEB: www.rosetrails.org

May 12th, 7:00 pm
Heritage Hall
Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods
May 15th and 16th, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Heritage Hall
Community Heritage Days
WEB: www.kirklandheritage.org

May 17th, 7:00 pm
Kirkland Performance Center
Lakeshore Plaza @ Marina Park Workshop
WEB: www.ci.kirkland.wa.us

May 17th, 7:00 pm
Heritage Hall
Moss Bay Neighborhood Association
WEB: www.mossbay.org

May 17th, 7:00 pm
North Kirkland Community Center
North Juanita Neighborhood Association
WEB: www.NJNA.org

May 17th, 7:30 pm
North Rose Hill Fire Station
**North Rose Hill Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Connection Workshop #2**
WEB: www.north-rosehill.com

May 19th, 7:00 pm
Heritage Hall
Market Neighborhood Association

May 20th, 7:00 pm
Heritage Hall
Norkirk Neighborhood Association
WEB: www.norkirk.org

May 20th, 7:00 pm
Maintenance Center
Highlands Neighborhood Association
WEB: www.KirklandHighlands.org

May 24th, 7:00 pm
Houghton Fire Station
**Lakeview Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Connection Workshop #2**

May 26th, 7:00 pm
N. Kirkland Community Center
South Juanita Neighborhood Association

May 25th, 7:00 pm
Houghton Fire Station (22)
Everest Neighborhood Association

Every Wednesday, 11-6 p.m., Park Lane
Kirkland Wednesday Market
www.kirklanddowntown.org

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